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P R 081645Z MAY 75
FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8670
INFO AMEMBASSY ROME
TREASURY DEPT

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EFIN VS
SUBJ: BLOCKING OF VIETNAMESE ASSETS

REF STATE 102400

TREASURY FOR FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

1. GVN CHARGE TRAN VAN DON CALLED ON US FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH A CHECK HE HAD RECEIVED FROM VIETNAMESE EMBASSY ROME TO MEET EXPENSES OF HIS EMBASSY HERE. CHECK (NO. 368286) WAS ISSUED BY BANCA COMMERCIALE ITALIANA, ROME BRANCH, ON APRIL 13, 1975, AND DRAWN AGAINST CHEMICAL BANK OF NEW YORK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$784.00. CHECK PAYABLE TO EMBASSY OF REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IN ATHENS.

2. TRAN VAN DON RECEIVED CHECK FROM ROME ON MAY 4. WHEN HE WENT TO THE AMERICAN EXPRESS BANKING CORPORATION IN ATHENS (WHERE HE MAINTAINED EMBASSY OFFICIAL ACCOUNT - NO. 240052), HE WAS ADVISED THAT CHECK COULD NOT BE CASHED BECAUSE ALL VIETNAMESE ASSETS HAD BEEN BLOCKED.

3. TRAN VAN DON EXPECTS TO CLOSE DOWN THE EMBASSY HERE AND DEPART FOR PARIS AT THE END OF NEXT WEEK. HE TOLD US HE NEEDS THIS MONEY TO MEET OFFICIAL EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE

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CLOSING DOWN OF THE EMBASSY (SUCH AS SALARY AND SEVERANCE PAY

FOR GREEK CHAUFFEUR, VARIOUS CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH
TERMINATION OF THE LEASE FOR OFFICE SPACE AND RESIDENCE,
ELECTRICITY AND TELEPHONE BILLS, ETC.).

4. ACCORDING TO TRAN VAN DON, ONE MEMBER OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE
EMBASSY STAFF IN ROME HAS DECLARED ALLEGIANCE TO NEW REGIME
IN SAIGON AND TAKEN OVER THE EMBASSY THERE. HIS AMBASSADOR,
WHO IS RESIDENT ROME, HAS ADVISED TRAN VAN DON THAT AS A RESULT
HE IS IN NO POSITION TO ASSIST HIM IN ANY WAY.

5. WE WILL ASK AMERICAN EXPRESS BANKING CORPORATION ATHENS
TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE PER PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL. BECAUSE
OF LOCAL HOLIDAY MAY 9, EARLIEST WE CAN TO THIS IS SATURDAY,
MAY 10. IN THE MEANTIME, IS THERE ANYTHING TREASURY
DEPARTMENT CAN TO TO EXPEDITE THE MATTER? KUBISCH

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